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## IN THE CLAIMS

I claim:

Claims 1 – 3 (cancelled).

4 (new). A closure for a pill vial comprising:

a closure body configured and arranged to be removably mounted on a pill vial, said closure body including a top surface;

an indicator dial rotatably secured to the top surface of the closure body, whereby said indicator dial is rotatably movable relative to said closure body;

said indicator dial and said closure body including a plurality of circumferentially spaced mating indexing formations that cooperate to define a plurality of fixed rotational positions of said indicator dial relative to said closure body;

a plurality of circumferentially spaced, sequentially increasing indicia representing a sequentially increasing number of doses of medicine taken during a predetermined time period,

said indicia being located on one of said top surface of said closure body or on said indicator dial;

an indicator element located on the other of said top surface of said closure body or on said indicator dial,

said indicia and said indicator element being circumferentially aligned with said mating indexing formations such that indexing said indicator dial one rotational position advances said indicator element one sequential indicia to indicate one

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additional dose taken within said predetermined time period.

5 (new). The closure of claim 4, wherein said indicia are located on said top surface of said closure body, and said indicator element is located on said indicator dial.

6 (new). The closure of claim 5, wherein said indicator dial is opaque and said indicator element comprises a window formed in said indicator dial.

7 (new). The closure of claim 5, wherein said indicia comprises a repeating pattern of at least two indicia.

8 (new). The closure of claim 5, wherein said indicia comprises three repeating patterns of 4 sequentially increasing indicia

9 (new). The closure of claim 4, wherein said indicia are located on said indicator dial and said indicator element is located on said top surface of said closure body.

10 (new). The closure of claim 9, wherein said dial is transparent, said indicia are a first color and said indicator element is a spot of a second contrasting color.

11 (new). The closure of claim 9, wherein said indicia comprises a repeating pattern of at least two indicia.

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12 (new). The closure of claim 9, wherein said indicia comprises three repeating patterns of 4 sequentially increasing indicia

13 (new). The closure of claim 9, wherein said indicator dial is transparent and said indicator element comprises an annular colored band having an open space sufficient to view a single indicia.

14 (new). A method of measuring the number of doses of medicine taken by a patient comprising the steps of:

having a pill vial including a closure, the pill vial containing a prescribed number of doses of medicine, the closure having a closure body configured and arranged to be removably mounted on a pill vial, said closure body including a top surface; an indicator dial rotatably secured to the top surface of the closure body, whereby said indicator dial is rotatably movable relative to said closure body; said indicator dial and said closure body including a plurality of circumferentially spaced mating indexing formations that cooperate to define a plurality of fixed rotational positions of said indicator dial relative to said closure body; a plurality of circumferentially spaced, sequentially increasing indicia representing a sequentially increasing number of doses of medicine taken during a predetermined time period, said indicia being located on one of said top surface of said closure body or on said indicator dial; an indicator element located on the other of said top surface of said closure body or on said indicator dial, said indicia and said indicator element being circumferentially aligned with said mating indexing formations such that indexing said

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indicator dial one rotational position advances said indicator element one sequential indicia to indicate one additional dose taken within said predetermined time period;  
ingesting a dose of medicine at a predetermined prescribed time;  
advancing the indicator to the next fixed rotational position; and  
repeating the process periodically of ingesting a dose of medicine and  
advancing the indicator to the next fixed rotational position until all the prescribed doses for that day have been ingested.